

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 25, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1 - 9 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Species I: Claims 1-6.

Species II: Claims 7-9.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-6, for prosecution. Claims 7-9 have been withdrawn for being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 10-24 have been added. Applicants respectfully request examination of elected claims 1-6 and new claims 10-24.

Respectfully submitted,



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